

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the remarks which follow.

Amendments

In this response, Applicants have cancelled claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer. In addition, since each of claims 11 and 12 depends from claim 10 which includes the transitional phrase "consisting essentially of," each of claims 11 and 12 has been amended to replace the phrase "wherein said composition comprises" with the phrase "further consisting essentially of". After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 2-13 are now pending in this application.

Declaration

With regard to the declaration filed July 8, 2002, Applicants note that Tomohiro Kawasaki is the correct declarant.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE

Below are the marked up amended claim(s):

Claim 11 (Amended). A pressure sensitive sealant composition as claimed in claim 10, [wherein said composition comprises] further consisting essentially of 6-14 wt% of said component B.

Claim 12 (Amended). A pressure sensitive sealant composition as claimed in claim 10, [wherein said composition comprises] further consisting essentially of 25-30 wt% of said component A.